Recommendations of Haathi Committee

2500. SHRI HIPHEI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Haathi Committee has made several recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such recommendations included creation of National Drug Authority;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have implemented all the recommendations of Committee; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor in such case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (f) Haathi Committee has submitted its report in 1975 and based thereon Government had announced a comprehensive Drug Policy in 1979 which has undergone many modifications subsequently, due to the changes in the general industrial policy, Import Expert Policy and fiscal policy since then, and also due to the need to bring it in line with the imperatives of growth and development of the pharmaceutical industry in India from time to time.

Haathi Committee recommendations include creation of a National Drug Authority of India as a statutory body with a view of tackling the problem of large scale production and distribution of drugs and to implement the basic philosophy of socialising drug production and distribution.

Although the Drug Policy of 1979 did not include creation of National Drug Authority, it took into account to the extent feasible most of the recommendations of the Haathi Committee. 1986 Policy envisaged creation of a National Drug and Pharmaceutical Authority to take care of the matters relating to quality control and rational use of drugs. This matter has been looked into again and in the modifications of the Drug Policy announced in September, 1994 a National Drug Authority is now proposed to be set up by an Act of Parliament to be steered by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Fertilizer Requirement of North Eastern Region

2501. SHRI HIPHEI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total requirement of different types of fertilizers by states of North region during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether allocation of different types of fertilizers to states of North-Eastern Region during the period as in (a) was according to requirement; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor with steps to be taken in the future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) A statement indicating the consumption of fertilizers during 1992-93, 1993-94 and the requirement for 1994-95 in respect of North Eastern States is enclosed at Annexure [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure 56].

(b) and (c) Prior to 25-8-92, allocations of all major fertilizers were being made to North Eastern States as per requirement. After the decontrol of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers with effect from 25-8-92, the requirement of Nitrogenous fertilizers namely urea Ammonium Sulphate (AS), Ammonium Chloride (AC) and Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN) was assessed separately for each crop season and allocated to the States. With the decontrol of low analysis Nitrogenous fertilizers, viz. AS, AC and CAN from 10-[illegible]-94, Urea is the only fertilizer which is being allocated to states at pre[illegible]. A statement indicating the assessed requirement of fertilisers under statutory price control in respect of North Eastern States during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure 57].